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CLAIMS

Please amend the claim according to the status designations in the following list, which contains all claims submitted in the application, with the text of all active claims.

1. (CANCELED)

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An absorbent pad adjunct, having a plurality of fabric layers of an outer layer size joined by a seam; having a bolstered center means, including a plurality of substantially fabric layers of a mid-portion size surrounding and attached to a third-layer wicking barrier, for use with multi-serving vessels to capture dripped condensate from said multi-serving vessels, comprised of:

a. top-layer ~~absorbent~~ moisture intake means of an outer-portion size, including at least one piece of cotton fabric, whereby condensate from a multi-serving vessel is drawn into the pad by capillary action; and

b. second-layer ~~desorption field~~ absorbent means of an outer-portion size, including a piece of cotton batting, whereby ~~the pad dries, thus eliminating the need for intervention during said pad's use~~ moisture is contained until saturation occurs, and then released by process of diffusion; and

c. third-layer wicking barrier means of a mid-portion size, including a piece of coated fabric, whereby absorbed moisture is ~~forced to move in a radial direction~~ blocked and diverted radially, spreading further by process of diffusion; and

d. bottom-layer thermal barrier means of an outer-portion size, including at least one piece of cotton batting, whereby radiant cooling is blocked, preventing secondary condensate ~~is prevented~~ from forming beneath the pad.